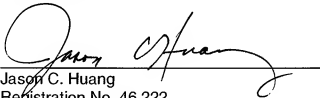


Issued claim 53 was previously original claim 61 during prosecution. (See attached) Original claim 61 does not include the word "is" between "value" and "measured" in the second line. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the deletion of "is" after "value" and "measured" in the second line.

Applicant submits that the errors mentioned above were not by the applicant, but were made during the printing of the patent.

Applicant respectfully requests grant of the attached Certificate of Correction to correct these errors in the claims section of the printed patent.

Respectfully submitted,

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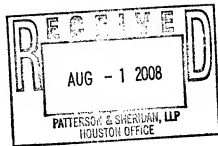
Consideration has been given to your request for the issuance of a Certificate of Correction, for the above – identified patent under the provisions of CFR 1.322.

Inspection of the application for the patent reveals that claim 13 line 47 and claim 53 line 42 is printed in accordance with the record. Therefore being no fault on the Patent and Trademark Office, It has no authority to issue a certificate of correction under the provision of 1.322.

In view of the forgoing, your request in this matter, is hereby denied. However the remaining of the corrections will be corrected.

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent are hereby corrected as shown below:

In the Claims:

Column 17, Claim 13, Line 47, please delete "8" and insert --2--;

Column 20, Claim 53, Line 42, please delete "is" after "value" and before "measured".

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18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, further comprising detecting a seal condition, wherein acceptability is determined using a change in value between a value measured at the shoulder condition and a value measured at the seal condition.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the measured values are torque values.

20. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the measured values are rotation values.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the measured values are torque and rotation values.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) A system for connecting threaded tubular members for use in a wellbore, comprising:

a power drive unit operable to rotate a first threaded tubular member relative to a second threaded tubular member;

a power drive control system operably connected to the power drive unit, and comprising:

a torque detector;

a turns detector; and

a computer receiving torque measurements taken by the torque detector and rotation measurements taken by the turns detector; wherein the computer is configured to perform an operation, comprising:

rotating the first threaded tubular member relative to the second threaded tubular member, wherein the two threaded members define a shoulder seal;

a change in value between the torque and/or rotation value measured at the shoulder condition and the torque and/or rotation value measured at the seal condition;
a relaxation rotation; and
the rate of change of torque with respect to rotation after detecting the shoulder condition.

56. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 55, wherein acceptability is determined using two or more members selected from the group.

57. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 55, wherein acceptability is determined using three or more members selected from the group.

58. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 55, wherein acceptability is determined using four or more members selected from the group.

59. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 55, wherein acceptability is determined using all five members selected from the group.

60. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising detecting a seal condition during rotation of the first threaded tubular member by calculating and monitoring the rate of change in torque with respect to rotation.

61. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 60, wherein acceptability is determined using a torque and/or rotation value measured at the seal condition.

